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Re:

WC Docket No. 10-90; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 22, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released a Public Notice ("Notice"). According to the Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau, upon initial review, found the Section 214 Discontinuance Application¹ to be acceptable for filing and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 63.71 of the FCC's rules. HTI's Discontinuance Application requests authority under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63-71 of the FCC's rules, to discontinue, reduce, or impair certain domestic telecommunications services in specified geographic areas as applicable and as fully described therein.<sup>2</sup>

By HTI's Discontinuance Application, HTI requests authority, under applicable federal statutes and rules, to discontinue the provision of business data services to end-user customers in Kalawao County, on the island of Molokai in Hawaii.<sup>3</sup> HTI provides no business data services to end-user customers in Kalawao County, and all existing

<sup>3</sup>HTI's Discontinuance Application at 1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>"Section 63.71 Application of Hawaiian Telcom, Inc.[,]" dated November 15, 2017 (Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. is hereafter referred to as "HTI;" and the aforementioned application is hereafter referred to as "HTI's Discontinuance Application").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Notice at 1, which further notes that in accordance with section 63.71(f) of the FCC's rules, HTI's Discontinuance Application will be deemed granted automatically on January 21, 2018, the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the release date of the Notice, unless the FCC notifies HTI that the grant will not be automatically effective.

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broadband services therein are provided by either a cable company or a satellite provider.<sup>4</sup> HTI further represents that it has not received any end-user customer requests for such services in Kalawao County at least during the previous four years, and it does not plan to provision said services therein in the foreseeable future.<sup>5</sup>

By this letter, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii informs the FCC that it supports the FCC in its findings, and that it does not object to HTI's Discontinuance Application.

Sincerely,

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Commission Counsel

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>HTI's Discontinuance Application at 1 (footnote omitted).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>HTI's Discontinuance Application at 3.